



Com' Concil' tent' in Camera Guibald' Civitat'  
LONDON, die Verris Vicesimo sexto dic  
Octobr', Anno Regni Iomini & Dominæ No  
strorum, WILLELI & MARIAE, nunc  
Regis & Reginæ, Anglie &c. Secro : Coram  
Willielmo Abburst Mil' Major' Thoma Lane Mil',  
Major' Elect' Roberto Coton Mil', Pariene' Ward  
Mil', Thoma Stamo Mil', Richard' Lovell Mil',  
Servien ad Legem ac legardat dictæ Civitatis;  
Humphrido Edwyn Mil', Ricardio Levit Mil',  
Jacobo Houbton Mil', Thoma Abney Mil', &  
Willielmo Hedges Mil' Sz Alderman'; Nonnon  
Major' parte Communiar' dictæ Civitatis in  
eodem Com' Concil' tuc & ibidem Assemblat'.

An ACT for Licensing Carts, to be used by the Freemen,  
Woodmongers or Traders in Fuel, that Inhabit within  
this City and Liberties thereof.

WHEREAS there was formerly assigned,  
allowed and appropriated, by the Mayor  
and Commonalty, and Officers of the City  
of LONDON, unto the Woodmongers  
or Traders in Fuel, inhabiting within the said City  
and the Liberties thereof, a certain Number of  
CARTS

Written that the 420 Carts  
all owned are used for Street  
Carts whereby the Woodmen  
are disabled to carry on  
their Trade

CARTS, for carrying of Sea-coals and other Fuel; which have been part of the Number of Four hundred and twenty CARS or CARTS allowed, marked and appointed for the General Service of this CITY: But of late years the Number of Inhabitants being greatly increased, and by reason thereof the necessary use of Street-Cars or Carts is much increased also; and therefore all the said Four hundred and Twenty Cars have been used only for Street-Cars and Carts, whereby the Woodmongers and Traders in FUEL, within this City and the Liberties thereof, are in great measure Disabled to Manage and Carry of their laid Trade and Employments; the which they have Humbly represented unto this COURT & Common Council, and prayed Relief therein.

*120 Carts to be so far increased as may be necessary to enable the Woodmongers the better to supply the Buyers with coal*

And this COURT having taken the same into Serious Consideration, do find it necessary to Increase the said Number of Four hundred and twenty Cars and Carts, so allowed and appointed as aforesaid, so far toye as may be necessary for the said Woodmongers or Deans in Fuel, only for the Management and Carrying on their said Trades and Employments; and also for Enabling them to furnish the Citizens and other Inhabitants of this City and Liberties with COALS and other Fuel, at as cheap and easie Rate; and Prices, as They or any Others may or can.

*120 Carts to be allowed for the sole use of the Woodmen & others than the 420 used as Street Carts*

Be it Enacted therefore by the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Commons in Common Council assembled, and by the Authority of the same, that there shall be allowed, marked and appointed, to and for the sole use and Employment of the WOODMONGERS or Traders in FUEL, (being Freemen, and Inhabiting within the City of London and the Liberties thereof, and no other) a fitting and convenient Number of CARS and CARTS

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CARTS, not exceeding One hundred and twenty, other than and besides the aforesaid Number of Four hundred and twenty CARS and CARTS, now used as Street Cars and Carts, as aforesaid:

The which Cars and Carts so to be allowed, marked and appointed, shall be appropriate unto them the said Woodmongers or Traders in FUEL, for the sole Use, Management and Carrying on the said Trade or Employment of Woodmongers or Dealers in Fuel only; and shall be divided and distributed to and amongst them from time to time, as may be most convenient for them, and least to the Innuance and Obstruction of the Publick Streets and Passages of this City and the Liberties thereof; by Act of Common Council, or other Law, Usage or Custom of this City now in being and in force, in the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said CARS and CARTS so to be allowed, marked and appointed by virtue of this Act, shall not be, nor taken or esteemed to be Appertaining to the several and respective Wharfs or Wharves, to which the same or any of them are or shall be so allowed or appointed; nor shall be sold or disposed of by such or any other the Woodmongers or Traders in FUEL, in any manner whatsoever.

And that the Cars and Cart so to be allotted and appointed to the said Woodmongers or Traders in Fuel, shall be burnt with a faggot-mark on both the outsides thereof, and shall have also thereupon a piece of Brass, with the true Number of such Cars or Carts; and the Raves thereof shall be higher than the Raves of the Street Cars or Carts, to keep the Fuel the safer from falling off and hurting the People.

120 Cars for the Woodmen

To be employed by the Woodmen  
for the sole use of their Trade  
only

Not to be apportioned to the  
Wharfs to which the same  
shall be assigned nor sold by  
the Woodmongers

To be marked with  
Number

People in the Streets, and also the better to distinguish them from the said other CARS and CARTS.

To be employed only in the Carriage of Coals or Colours to the person to whom allowed to work for hire under <sup>a</sup> penalty

And that the said Wharf-Carts nor Cars, nor any of them, shall Work in the Streets in any other occasion than only in Carrying of Coals and other Fuel, to and from the respective Wharfs, belonging to such Persons & whom the said Cars or Carts shall be respectively allowed; upon pain, That for every time such Wharf-Car or Cart shall Work, or be otherwise Employed for Wages, Hire or Reward, the Owner of the said Car or Cart shall forfeit and pay for every such Offence the sum of Five Pounds.

To be suspended till payment

Disabled to work

Appoint a Committee to distribute & foot charges in the Wharf-Carts

And all and every the LICENSES that shall be given to any such Woodmonger and Trader in FUEL, whose Cart or Cars shall be so hired and Employed, contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of this present Act, shall from thence be suspended till such respective Penalty or penalties shall be paid and satisfied: And every person so offending, shall (till the said respective Sums be paid) be Disabled to Work any of his said Cars or Carts, notwithstanding any License or Licenses to such person or Persons, granted by virtue of this Act.

And for the better putting this ACT in due Execution, and for the more equal and impartial Distribution of the said Wharf-Cars or Carts, to and amongst the said Woodmongers or Traders in FUEL, with due respect to their several and respective Wants and Occasions in the said respective Trades: Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Right Honourable Sir Thomas Lane Knight, Lord Mayor or Elect, Sir Thomas Scamp Knight, Sir James Houbton and Sir Francis Child, Knights and Aldermen of this City; and Mr. Chadd, Mr. Deputy Eyre, Mr.

Mr. Richier, Mr. Dorvill, Mr. Houlton, Mr. Harvey,  
 Mr. Deputy Tooly and Mr. Deputy Collet, Com-  
 moners, or any five of them whereof an Alderman  
 to be One, are by this COURT of Common  
 Council made and appointe a Committee, with  
 Directions, full Power and Authority, by virtue of  
 this ACT, to take Care of the Marking, Allotting  
 and Appointing fit and convenient Wharf Cars and  
 Carts; and to Divide, Distribute and Appoint the  
 same to and amongst all and every the Woodmongers  
 and Dealers in Fuel, as alsoesay, within the City and  
 Liberties thereof, desirous the same, by them to be Im-  
 ployed and used in, and for carrying out and bringing in  
 their FUEL, according to the true intent and meaning  
 of this present ACT: And also take due Care from  
 time to time, that the Coals and Fuel by such Wood-  
 mongers and Dealers in Fuel, sold and Delivered to  
 all and every Person and Peons within this City  
 and Liberties thereof, shall contain the full and Due  
 Measure, Weight, Size and Sale, and that the same  
 be Sold and Delivered at reasonable Rates and  
 Prices from time to time, and also to prevent all  
 frauds and Deceits in the Sale and Delivery  
 thereof; and all Abuses, Malices and Obstructions  
 by such Cars or Carts in the Streets and publick  
 Passages, in this City and Liberties thereof; And  
 to appoint such Person and Persons as to them  
 shall appear necessary to Inspe and Oversee, that  
 the said Wharf Cars be duly marked and Employed  
 to the uses aforesaid; and that no Fraud or Deceit  
 be done or committed, contrary to the true intent  
 and meaning of this ACT: Whereby said COMMITTEE  
 shall and may continue until the 25th Day of Decem-  
 ber next ensuing, or until a New Committee  
 shall be Chosen, and so from Year to Year, and  
 every Year afterwards.

*Committee to prevent abuses  
in the Coal Trade*

*Appoint a person to make  
the carts*

*How Committee to be  
Chosen yearly*

Coals to be sent home to  
Buyers in Sea Coals—  
Measures taken & marked  
by the Hall Hoop.

And for the more certain avoiding of such Deceit hereafter, as divers Persons have heretofore practised in the Sale and Measure of their COALS: Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all Sea-coals hereafter to be Sold and Measured by Retail, by any persons or persons whatsoever, shall be fill'd and brought home to the Buyers in the Seacoal-Meeters Sacks, & such other Sacks as contain the full Measure of the Seacoal-Meeters Sacks; and are and shall be Marks by the Keeper of the Guild-Hall for the time being, according to an ORDER of the Court of Aldermen made the 25th of October, in the time of the Majestie of Sir Thomas Campbell Knight, deceased.

Dealers when they send  
home Coals to carry a  
Dealed In-hoe with  
them

And that all persons and persons attending on Mastering Sea-coals by Rail, and every Cartman, his Servant or Agent, shall hereafter from time to time, and at all times when they Carry or Send abroad any Coals within this City of London & Liberties thereof, carry along in their Carts or Cars, together with their Seadeas a good and lawful Bushel Sealed, according to the Bushel in the Guild-Hall allowed for Measuring Sea-coals, which agreeeth with the Fatt, anciently used in Measuring of Sea-coals.

If sent home in other  
Sacks & without a  
Bushel to for loit 20.

And if any person or persons shall bring Home in his or their Cart or Carts any Buyer, any Coals in any other Sack or Sacks, and without such Bushel, as are before mentioned and appointed; such persons so Offending, shall forfeit and pay Twenty shillings for the first, and every other Offence respectively.

Committee yearly to give  
an Acc't to Court of Aldermen  
what Number to whom  
the Carts are disposed

And that it may the better appear what Number of Wharf-Cars or Carts shall be appointed and allowed for Wharf-service, as aforesaid, and to whom the said Committee, now or hereafter to be appointed, or any five of them (whereof one to be an Alderman) shall yearly, in the Month of May, present unto the Lord Mayor

Mayor and Court of Aldermen of this City (if thereunto required), a true Catalogue and List strictly kept, under their Hands, expressing both when and to whom such Wharf-Carts are disposed of from time to time.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that if any such Woodmongers or Traders in FUEL, as aforesaid, shall at any time after the First Day of December next ensuing, presume to Clog any Cart or Carts within the said City and Liberties, by Himself or Servant, not being duly allowed, marked and appointed, as aforesaid; such person or persons, for every time so offending, shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Five pounds, to be recovered and obtained as is hereafter mentioned.

And that every of the said Woodmongers or Traders in FUEL, keeping and working up such Wharf-Cart or Carts, so to be allowed, marked and appointed, as aforesaid, by virtue of this present Act; shall from time to time duly observe all and every such reasonable Orders and Rules as shall be directed and appointed by this COURT, or such Committee so chosen and appointed, as aforesaid.

And forasmuch as great Disorders and Disturbances have hapned and arisen among the Common Carmen, who Work the aforesaid Four hundred and twenty Street-Cars about their Turns, in Carriage of Merchandise and other Goods, (viz) Which of them shall have Priority, and take up and load the first and next Load of Goods after or before each other; whereof several Merchants and others have made Complaint to this COURT, and that they have been Sufferers thereby: Therefore for Remedy thereof for the future, Be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all Merchants and other Tradesmen having any Occasion for any Street-Cart or Cars, shall and may use and employ which and such of them as he or they shall think fit,

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Cart not allowed to forfeit  
er*

*Woodmongers to observe such  
Order as shall be appointed*

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the Street Cart Turns*

*Merchants may take wch  
of them they please  
and*

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and chuse, for carrying of every such first, next, or other Load or Loads, as he or they shall from time to time upon such Occasion direct or appoint; any Law or Usage to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

*Penalties to be sued for in the  
Mayor's Court in the Name  
of the Chamberlain*

And, Lastly, it is hereby Enacted and Ordained by the Authority aforesaid, That all Pains, Penalties and Forfeitures, in and by this Act limited and appointed, shall and may be recovered by Action of Debt, Bill or Information, in the Name of the Chamberlain of this City; for the time being, in Their Majesties Court, holden before the Lord Mayor and Aldermen of the said City, in the Oyward Chamber of the Guild Hall; and upon Recovery of the same, one Moiety thereof, after all Charges expended in such Recovery, shall by the Chamberlain be paid to the Informer or Prosecutor of such Suit, and the other Moiety to the use of the Mayor and Community, and Citizens of this City.

*Half to the Informer & half  
to the City*

*Chamberlain to have Costs if  
he recover & not to have  
Cost if adverse party for him*

In all which Suits to be brought by virtue of this Act, the Chamberlain shall (in case he do recover) be allowed his Ordinary Costs and Charges, expended in and about the same. And if Judgment shall happen to be given against the Plaintiff in any such Cause, such Costs shall be discontinued, then the Defendant shall also Recover.

*Eq: with the original in the  
Journal at Guildhall 23<sup>rd</sup>  
March 1723. R. W. G.*

*Goodfellow.*

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